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WE BELIEVE PARA 4(1) REFTEL OFFERS A BETTER WAY TO EASE SAG CONCERNS ABOUT FINAL TROOP WITHDRAWALS THAN OTHER FORMULAS FOR ASSURANCES TO SAG THAT HAVE BEEN TRIED OUT SO FAR. WE WONDER IF THERE MIGHT NOT BE MERIT IN GOING A STEP FURTHER AND CONSIDERING A JOINT WESTERN FIVE STATEMENT ABOUT THE SECURITY AND CONFIDENTIAL

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FUTURE OF NAMIBIA WHICH WOULD INCLUDE THE ASSURANCE WE ARE PLANNING TO GIVE SWAPO ON WALVIS BAY. THIS WOULD MEAN THAT THE STATEMENT, TO BE MADE AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME, WOULD HAVE SOMETHING FOR SOUTH AFRICA AND SOMETHING FOR SWAPO. THE BALANCE MIGHT MAKE IT EASIER TO SELL IN THE CONTACT GROUP. SPAIN

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